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ISSUANCE OF PASSPORTS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the various existing passport offices and collection centres in the various States of the country; and

(b) the number of passport applications received and the number of passports issued during each of the last three years alongwith details of pendency?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) The details of the existing passport offices and collection centres in the various States of the country are as given below:

(i) Passport Offices:

1.	Ahmedabad	13. Jaipur	25. Pune
2.	Bangalore	14. Jalandhar	26. Raipur
3.	Bareilly	15. Jammu	27. Ranchi
4.	Bhopal	16. Kolkata	28. Shimla
5.	Bhubaneshwar	17. Kozhikode	29. Srinagar
6.	Chandigarh	18. Lucknow	30. Surat
7	Chennai	19. Madurai	31. Thane
8.	Cochin	20. Mumbai	32. Tiruchirappalli
9.	Delhi	21. Malappuram	33. Thiruvananthapuram
10.	Ghaziabad	22. Nagpur	34. Vishakhapattnam
11.	Guwahati	23. Panaji	
12.	Hyderabad	24. Patna	

(ii) Passport Application Collection Centres:

1.	Agartala	9. Mangalore
2.	Aizawl	10. Pondicherry
3.	Berhampur	11. Shillong
4.	Darbhanga	12. Siliguri
5.	Gangtok	13. Tirupati
6.	Imphal	14. Vijayawada
7	Kohima	15. Kolkata
8.	Leh	

(b) The details of the number of passport applications received and passports issued during the last three years, RPO-wise, along with pendency details are attached as Annexure. There are several reasons for pendencies in Passport Offices. These include: Delays in receipt of Police Verification Reports (PVRs), receipt of adverse/incomplete PVRs; and furnishing of incomplete information and/or documents by the applicants. Rapidly growing workload of the Passport Offices is also contributing to pendencies.